

ALLIANCE NOTES.

[Members of the Alliance, when writing to us, will greatly favor us if they will always give the No. of their Alliance. We have given the sixth and seventh pages of our paper to the exclusive use of the Alliance. Use them, brethren. For all official orders, rulings, notices, &c., the brethren will examine these pages.]

A correspondent desires to know where he can purchase Poland China pigs. Any persons having this breed of hogs for sale may find purchasers by advertising through the columns of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

Bro. Thos. L. Lea, at Hamer, Caswell county, is glad to see that a Chat-ham brother touched upon what it costs to sell the farmers' tobacco. The corn crop is very good, but the tobacco is not at all promising. "I feel that THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER is the life of our order."

A brother writing from Monroe, who signs himself "One 6 T 9," informs us that said Alliance elected Bro. C. F. Braswell President, and re-elected Bro. C. J. Braswell Secretary. He assures us that his Alliance will sustain the Business Agency to the fullest extent. Wheat crop one-third; oats are good; corn and cotton are needing rain badly.

Bro. W. E., of No. 526, informs us that they will start an Alliance gin in the vicinity of Gulf during the approaching fall. A twenty-horse engine has already been ordered and it is expected to order an eighty-saw gin in the near future. He understands that an eighty-saw gin does not give satisfaction, and would like to hear from some one through THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER, who has had experience with them. The corn crop is the poorest he ever saw; cotton looks well but is small; wheat will make two-thirds of a crop. The brother is indeed encouraging when he says he believes that by fall every member of his Alliance will be a subscriber to THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

—There are those who say the Mills bill will pass.

—"A Love Story" is the title of Mrs. Langtry's new play.

—A panther was killed near Black Mountain, N. C., last week.

—Floquet sends twice daily to inquire after Boulanger's condition.

—Salisbury has over 4,000 inhabitants, as shown by the last census.

—James Russell is unable to go out in London on account of the gout.

—Scotland won the international trophy in the rifle contest at Wimbledon.

—The N. C. Board of Pharmacy meets at Goldsboro' on the 8th of August.

—Col. Thos. M. Holt is confined at his home with sickness, we are sorry to learn.

—Headquarters of the Paris exposition commission have been opened in New York.

—The Charlotte street railway will discard horses and adopt steam as its future motive power.

—The weather throughout New England is reported to be very cold. Snow on the mountains.

—Repeat the duty on copper ore, and break down the copper syndicate, exclaims the Philadelphia Record.

—Dr. John A. Broadus, of Louisville, is to deliver the Lyman-Beecher lecture at Yale College this year.

—Hugh M. Brooks, alias Maxwell, the murderer of Arthur Preller, has been granted a respite of four weeks.

—Two daughters of Jas. McCormack, who resides in the Adirondacks, N. Y., recently killed a 200 pound bear.

—The State Farmers' Alliance of Georgia will meet at Macon, on the 21st day of August, 1888, at 10 o'clock a. m.

—The Emperor William has been clever enough to agree that his mother shall bear the titles of Empress and Queen.

—The total value of all real and personal property in Rowan county just assessed is over four millions of dollars.

—The Charlotte Chronicle says: The drouth in this city and immediate surrounding section is getting to be alarming. Gardens are about destroyed, and farm crops are much injured. There has not been a good rain for more than a month.

—Dumas and Zola are to be decorated with Legion of Honor titles. In this country they would have been made LL. D's.

—Lewis F. Allen, of Buffalo, N. Y., an uncle of President Cleveland, is President of a Harrison Campaign Club in that city. A little odd.

—A cotton factory company has been incorporated at Tarboro with a capital stock of \$100,000. The building will be begun at once.

—The first bale of cotton of crop of 1888, was shipped from Albany, Ga., to New York and sold for twelve and a half cents per pound.

—Asheville has voted to have a system of sewerage to the tune of \$100,000. Several hundred votes over the required majority was obtained.

—The House Committee on appropriations will report in favor of a bill appropriating \$37,000,000 for fortifications to be expended in thirteen years.

—Virginia State Agricultural Society gives ten thousand dollars for trotting and running races at its fair, which will be held at Richmond in October.

—The Guilford County Commissioners decline to pay more than 25 cents a day for the support of prisoners in the county jail. Price heretofore was 30 cents a day.

—Potts, Lincke's murderer, cheated the gallows by taking a heavy dose of morphine the night before the day fixed for his execution. He died at half past 12, p. m.

—A Wall street paper boasts: We have got the head of one ticket and the tail of the other and a fair hold upon the remainder, and don't you forget to remember the fact."

—Abnormally cold weather prevailed last week in England and a considerable snow-fall is reported, the first event of the kind in July in the history of the country.

—"A breathing picture of moral death," seems to be slicing it pretty thick, but it is the Wilson Mirror's reference to the beautiful Lilly Langtry, of the Island of Jersey.

—The Shelby Aurora says a Lincoln county farmer has a 14-year-old daughter rejoicing in 240 lbs. His nearest neighbor has a daughter sixteen years old weighing 230 pounds.

—The State Guard are in camp at Wrightsville, in the neighborhood of Wilmington, in considerable force, and the occasion is said to be one of great pleasure to all concerned.

—Mrs. F. F. Young, of Fuller St., St. Paul, Minn., had a girl baby on June 10th and a boy ten days after; and, strange to say, there is not a spot or blemish or anything wrong about either.

—Gus Bogle, executed at Fort Smith, Ark., July 5th, for the murder of a man named Morgan in the Indian Territory, died protesting his absolute innocence and that he never saw Morgan in his life.

—At Buncombe Superior Court last week, Messrs. Furman & Cameron, editors of the Citizen, were found guilty and fined \$25 for publishing an advertisement of the Louisiana Lottery. An appeal was taken.

—An immense crowd, said to have been 4,000, attended the Democratic jollification in this city on Wednesday night last. Among all the fine speakers present Sanderlin seemed to have been the most "taking" and popular.

—The Sixteenth Annual Press Association convened in the city of Morehead on the 18th inst., between fifty and sixty newspapers being represented. They made a very pleasant excursion to Washington City on Friday morning.

—English farmers have turned against the sparrows as a pest to agriculture, and are offering rewards for their destruction. It is asserted that these vicious birds cause a loss to agricultural England of \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000 per year.

—The editor of the Baptist orphanage paper—Charity and Children—reminds his readers that "a soul is a soul, and that the soul of a poor, ragged orphan is as precious as the soul of a Chinese Mandarin or of Grover Cleveland."

—The Danbury iron mines are developing wonderfully. During the last few weeks a surface of 6,000 square feet of iron ore has been made bare, and twenty-five "located" mines are yet to be examined. The ore is pronounced to be of as fine magnetic quality as can be found on the American continent. The veins and beds are of unusual depth.

—Fay Templeton, well known in this city, has taken to composing songs, and has just issued a couple of stage ballads from a New York publishing house, the titles of which are, "I Do Not Know," and "My Little Girl of Four."

—The Statesville Christian Advocate believes that "it would be much better for the world if there were a universal boycott of coffee, tobacco and liquor." At the bottom, nine out of every ten men, of ordinary intelligence, believe the same thing.

—Rockingham, Richmond county, had a costly conflagration on Wednesday night last, which destroyed the Court House, Hotel and fourteen other buildings, business houses as well as private residences. Loss is supposed to be very heavy.

—Never tickle a child. It is dangerous, and reduces vitality. Any unnatural emotion must be avoided. The more quiet and free from excitement a little child is kept the better for the child's health, strength and mental vigor.—The Professor.

—The most valuable manuscript in this country, judging from the price paid, is in the possession of John Jacob Astor. It is the Sforza Missal, for which \$15,500 was paid. It is dated in the fifteenth century and comprises 484 pages of vellum bound in red morocco.

—Through the grossest negligence of an operator at Asheville Junction two freight cars collided on the W. N. C. R. R. on Sunday morning, the 15th instant, killing a brakeman, injuring both engineers and both conductors, and making a wreck of fourteen cars and two locomotives.

—The Landmark is authority for the statement that W. M. Green, of Turnersburg township, Iredell county, has a pig about ten months old which has six feet. The extra feet come out at the knee joints on the forelegs and reach to the ground, so that the pig walks on four feet in front and two behind.

—Gen. Boulanger and Premier Floquet, of France, fought a duel with swords recently in which the former was dangerously wounded. Since the fight, a bill was introduced into the Chamber of Deputies to prevent duelling in France, but, to the shame and reproach of this great nation, be it said, it was defeated.

—Maud Banks, the daughter of General Banks, will undertake an ambitious repertoire of plays next season, including "Romeo and Juliet," "Leah," "Ingomar," "Lady of Lyons," "A French Marriage" and "The Stigma," the latter two being adaptations of her own, the first from the Russian, the other from the modern Greek.

—Milton S. Littlefield, once a notorious character in this city, was arraigned in the Tombs police court of New York last week for passing a worthless check of the amount of \$25. Upon raising \$25 and redeeming the check he was released. He told the Justice before whom he was arraigned that he is President of the Jackson and Tallahassee Railroad Company.

—Read the notice of the celebrated Daniel Pratt Cotton Gins, Feeders and Condensers of Messrs. Williamson & Upchurch which appears in this issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER and write or call upon them. To any intelligent cotton farmer of the South, it would be superfluous to say a word in commendation of this celebrated Gin. It is known everywhere to be one of the leading Gins of the world.

—The Democratic Executive Committee have called the Wake County Democratic Convention, to nominate candidates for county officers and for members of the Legislature, to meet in the city of Raleigh on Thursday, the 9th day of August next. The primary elections to select delegates to this convention will be held in the various townships on the first Saturday in August. It is important to remember this announcement.

—The Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College met at Wake Forest on July 18th and elected Prof. A. L. Purinton of Parkersburg, West Va., Professor of chemistry and W. J. B. Carlyle of St. Paul, N. C., adjunct Professor of Latin and Greek. Prof. Purinton comes of a family of distinguished educators. He is admirably prepared for the position, and will distinguish himself in his department. Prof. Carlyle graduated from Wake Forest College two years ago with distinction. He is a splendid Latin and Greek scholar and will do a good work for the College.

—A human skull was disinterred by well diggers in Haskell county, Kan., recently at a depth of 135 feet beneath the earth's surface. Remains of fish and sea reptiles have been found on several occasions at various depths in the same neighborhood.

—The contract for the Shotwell Monument has been awarded to Mr. C. A. Goodwin of this city, proprietor of the Raleigh Marble Works. It is to be of granite, thirteen feet high and of cottage design. The thousands of friends of the gallant soldier and fearless editor, throughout the State, will be greatly gratified to learn that the monument will be such a work of art and beauty as should mark the resting place of so true a man.

—The Southern Secretarial Institute will be held at Lookout Mountain, Tenn., August 13th to 26th, 1888, for the development of workers in the Young Men's Christian Association. Those proposing to attend the Institute will notify J. B. Milligan General Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association at Chattanooga, as early as possible, and at all events not later than August 1st, that arrangements for accommodation may be made.

—A terrible collision between what is called a "north bound cannon ball limited express and an extra south bound freight" occurred at Shady Creek, ten miles south of Birmingham, Ala., Tuesday at 4 a. m. The passenger engineer and the freight fireman were killed, and others injured seriously. The passenger train was ten minutes behind and running at the rate of 50 miles an hour, and the freight also was out of time. Heavy damage to engines and cars.

—The trial of Messrs. Cross and White, officers of the late State National Bank, charged with forgery, was in progress in this city last week before Wake Superior Court and attracted great interest. Wednesday and Thursday were consumed in hearing testimony of witnesses. The objections and exceptions were so numerous that it would be exceedingly difficult to make a clear report of the proceedings. The jury was addressed at length and with great ability by the counsel on either side, and at 4:45 on Thursday afternoon, the Judge proceeded to charge the jury. At the hour of 5:40 p. m. the jury took the case and retired, but did not reach a conclusion until Saturday, at noon, when they rendered a verdict of guilty. The court re-assembled at 3:30 p. m., and sentenced Cross to seven and White to five years' hard labor on the public roads.

—The Durham Recorder says: "The sad news of the serious accident to Hon. F. N. Strudwick, reached here last night. The facts as we get them are meagre. It appears that Tuesday night he was riding near the suburbs of the town, when his horse passed partly over a well which has some thin plank laying across the top. The horse and rider were precipitated into the well, a distance of thirty feet, Mr. Strudwick falling first then the horse with his hind feet first. The well is caved in at the bottom, so that it is not thought the horse fell on him. Late yesterday evening Dr. Strudwick stated that the injured man was so sore that he could not make an examination then as to the extent of his injuries, but that his body was swollen double its natural size. We are glad to state that later information places Mr. Strudwick out of danger.

—We are in receipt of the program of the second annual meeting of the Interstate Farmers' Summer Encampment, to be held at Spartanburg, S. C., beginning August 6th, from which we learn that the following distinguished gentlemen will deliver addresses: Hon. S. T. McCravy, S. C.; Hon. W. E. Burnett, S. C.; Hon. W. K. Thompson, Master of State Grange, of S. C.; Hon. John Hagood, President Farmers' Institute, S. C.; Hon. J. B. Humbert, President State Agricultural and Mechanical Society, S. C.; Hon. Norman J. Colman, U. S. Commissioner of Agriculture, S. C.; Hon. Wade Hampton, S. C.; W. K. Blake, Greenwood, S. C.; Prof. R. H. Loughbridge; Hon. Samuel Dibble, M. C.; Dr. B. McInnes, V. S.; Hon. J. S. Verner; J. W. Shelor, Oconee; Dr. J. M. McBride, S. C. University; Prof. B. M. Bolton, S. C. University; Hon. D. K. Norris, S. C.; Dr. Daniel Lee, Nashville, Tenn.; E. L. Rivers, Esq., James' Island, S. C.; E. B. Watson, Ridge Springs, S. C.; Hon. L. L. Polk, Raleigh, N. C. Hon. John W. Wofford.

—The attention of the reader is directed to the advertisement of that excellent North Carolina institution of learning, "Oak Ridge Institute," which appears in this issue of THE PROGRESSIVE FARMER for the first time. That it is one of the very finest schools in the State there can be no sort of doubt and we unhesitatingly com-

mend it to the favor of our patrons. We make the following brief extract from the Principal's report to the Trustees for the year 1888: "We deem it best to put our resume of the work of the scholastic year 1887-8 in the form of a report addressed to you to be followed in the future by similar annual reports. You remember, that the scholastic year of 1874-5 closed with less than a dozen students and under very discouraging circumstances. It was then that the school passed to the control of the present management and opened for the fall session with six local students occupying the one room then belonging to the school. Thirteen years have elapsed, during which time the growth of the school has been so uniformly rapid as to astonish even those most closely connected with its interests."

The school has grown from an enrollment of 6 to an enrollment of 219. It is the finest private school building in the State by all odds. The chapel which seats something near 1,500 is regarded as one of the best auditoriums in the State. The societies have halls better furnished than most of the colleges North or South, the library, which had no existence in 1875, now has nearly 2,000 volumes of well selected literature and reference books and during the past year has been considerably increased.

We shall continue to use our utmost endeavors to build here the best Academic School in the State. Believing as we do that the greatest need in the State and in the South is real first-class practical High Schools and not second-class Colleges, we shall continue to strive to that end and shall bend our energies to make it more and more the school of the State, in that line.

OIL MILLS AND SHILOH IN EDGEcombe Co. —The Oil Mills buildings at Shiloh give that place an urban appearance. The seed house buildings of wood 80x50 is completed or nearly so. The walls of the building for the mill proper are up to the 2d story and are massive being 18 inches thick. The superintendent's office is also nearly completed.

The Hamilton Railroad has put down a track to that place. Besides this there is an excellent river landing with water 25 feet deep.

The Superintendent, Elias Carr, Jr., is a pushing young man, and what is better understands what he is doing. The result is that these buildings are going up rapidly and will be ready for work when the first cotton seed drops from the gin.—Southerner.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

If physicians, who belong to secret medical societies are eligible to membership in the Alliance, can they remain in the Alliance, if they place the name of a brother on the delinquent list?

Answer—Yes, they are eligible, but if he place the name of a brother on the delinquent list without having used Alliance methods to adjust the differences, he is guilty of conduct unbecoming an Alliance man. See Art. VII, Sec. 3.

Can ministers of the gospel who are in charge of city churches be admitted into the Alliance?

Answer—No. J. A. M.—How long can a member absent himself from his Alliance without excuse and retain his membership?

Answer—This is a question to be determined by each Alliance. The Alliance should not be arbitrarily exacting, but should be sufficiently strict to secure reasonably prompt attendance. Each Alliance should have a by-law regulating the matter.

Is a widow eligible who owns a large farm, but whose son living with her, is clerking in a store?

Answer—Yes. If a Sub-Alliance has 44 members, how many delegates is it entitled to in the County Alliance?

Answer—Five. See Art. 1, Sec. 3, of the Constitution. The "standing and special committees" referred to in the above section applies only to those of the County Alliance.

S. B. ALEXANDER, Pres't N. C. Farmers' Alliance.

The following table may be found useful by some of our readers. The number of square feet in an acre is 34,560, hence that is the number of plants, set one foot apart each way, which an acre will contain. At eighteen inches apart each way the number of plants is 19,360; at two feet each way, 10,890; at thirty inches, 6,970, (nearly); at three feet, 4,840; at three and one-half feet, 3,556, (nearly); at four feet, 2,722, (and one-half); at five feet, 1,740; at six feet, 1,210; at eight feet, 680; at nine feet, 538, (nearly); at ten feet, 435; at twelve feet, 302; at fifteen feet, 193; at sixteen and one-half feet 160; at eighteen feet, 134, (nearly); at twenty feet, 70, (nearly); at thirty feet, 48; at thirty-three feet, 40; at thirty-six feet, 33; at forty feet, 27.

Oxford, N. C., April, 14, 1887. Mr. J. M. Broughton, Raleigh, N. C.:—Dear Sir:—I have used your American Fruit Preserving Powder and Liquid, for the past two years, and am well pleased with it. I can recommend it to be an excellent household article for all.

Yours, &c., A. B. MONTAGUE.